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1. Combined Russian-Hungarian maneuvers were held in the first half of September 1952 on the great Hungarian plain between the Danube and the Tisza. The maneuver area was between Kiskunhalas-Bácsalmás-Baja-Kalocsa. Converging from the Kecskemét-Nagykőrös area the forces made an attack from north to south with strong armored support, including the Russian armored division stationed there and the Hungarian motorized mechanized division, whose station is Gyöngyös.
2. Russian troops worked very closely with the Hungarian units in battle maneuvers. The maneuver represented a rapid attack on the Yugoslav frontier.
3. Small groups of Czech officers and noncommissioned officers were present as observers, but no Czech units took part.
4. Fully equipped Hungarian Secret Police (ÁVH) units of battalion strength also took part. They operated as field troops not as military police, as on previous occasions.
5. Russian and Hungarian air units operated together.
6. During the month of September units of two Russian divisions, Rumanian troops in unidentified strength and troops from the Hungarian garrisons east of the Tisza held maneuvers in the area Szeged-Hódmező-Vásárhely-Orosháza-Gyula-Maros River.
7. The headquarters of a Russian motorized infantry division was in Arad, the command of the other Russian division, an armored one, was at Hódmezővásárhely. The Rumanian units accompanied these divisions.

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8. There were some additional small Russian units, fully war equipped. It was said that they came from the USSR. It appears likely, that these were armored battalions and artillery units from the Carpatho-Ukraine, sent here to take part in their first major maneuvers. All were very young men.
9. Rumanian fliers also took part, operating with Russian units.
10. Rumanian and Hungarian troops were never placed close together.
11. Since the middle of September there has been heavy Russian military railroad and road traffic west of the Danube, especially between Budapest and Székesfehérvár and Székesfehérvár and Komárom. After the maneuvers the troops returned to their winter quarters.
12. Heavy railroad traffic is also reported from Tárnok in the second half of September, especially in the direction of Székesfehérvár. The trains consisted mostly of 30 to 32 freight cars and one or two passenger cars. The latter held Russian soldiers. In the first week of October men were observed wearing new winter uniforms. The flat cars carried an especially large number of trucks and antitank guns, 76.2 mm. caliber. Armor was rarely seen. The trucks  
[REDACTED] The men wore red and black shoulder boards.
13. At Székesfehérvár railroad station and in the area between Székesfehérvár and Komárom, Russian trucks were observed [REDACTED]  
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14. During the second half of September a Russian armored company and a motorized artillery unit were observed several times in movement toward the west in the area Budapest-Nagytétény-Ercsi. The artillery unit had twelve 105 mm. howitzers, tractor-drawn. The equipment seemed quite new and was accompanied by trucks new from the factory. [REDACTED]  
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The armored company had T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED]
15. Hungarian maneuvers, unaccompanied by Russian troops were held in the Pilis mountains. The main area was along the Danube north and south of the village of Vác. Many tanks, probably from Esztergom, Tata and Budapest were observed. Other Hungarian units held maneuvers south and southwest of Lake Balaton, and included the garrisons of Pécs, Kaposvár, Nagykanizsa and Zalaegerszeg. The northern garrisons held maneuvers in the area of Miskolc, Szerencs and Sátoráljaujhely. In these maneuvers the strictest economy of gasoline and munitions was observed.

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